

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Amendments to Specification

The cross-reference section of the application that was added with the amendment filed on November 8, 2002, has been amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the filing date of Austrian priority application A 338/97 has been changed from February 28, 1997 to February 27, 1997. This amendment introduces no new matter.

II. Amendment to the Claims

Claim 18 has been amended to maintain proper antecedent basis and to adjust the wording to be consistent with the Examiner's amendment in which the phrase "and/or" was simply replaced with "or." This amendment also adds no new matter.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures formal matters in the claims and the specification and does not go to the merits of the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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